

REMARKS

The Office Action states that the non-compliant set of claims were not entered in the response filed September 8, 2006 because they did not allegedly illustrate changes in the claims in the immediate prior response filed September 1, 2005. In response, Applicants have copied the listing of the claims from the response filed September 1, 2005 and deleted those parts of the claims which have been strike-through and add those parts which have been underlined. Further, Applicants have then amended the claims indicated in the response filed May 8, 2006 to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006. Therefore, claims 1, 12, 14, 18-20 and 25 have been amended; claims 13 and 28-31 canceled; and claims 5-6, 15-17, 23 and 27 were previously canceled. Subsequent to the entry of the present amendment, claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 18-22 and 24-26 are pending and at issue.

Applicants refer to the response filed May 8, 2006 for the discussion and response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006.

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is submitted that the claims are in condition to be examined on their merits, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.


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No fee is deemed necessary with the filing of this paper. However if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing the above-identified attorney docket number. A copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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